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Big Sky Tournament set to kick off



Forest Chaput de Saintonge/Montana Kaimin

Montana State University players try to block junior Mathias Ward (40) from scoring a basket on Feb. 25 in Dahlberg Arena.

Erik C. Anderson

Montana Kaimin

After 12 long years, the Big Sky Tournament returns to Dahlberg Arena tonight.

The Montana Grizzlies men's basketball team seized the right to host the tournament after a season finale 66-51 victory over the Weber State Wildcats. Entering the game, both

teams were tied atop the standings with identical 14-1 conference records. UM's victory moved the Grizzlies to 15-1 in conference, the best league record in school history.

As the regular season champions, the Griz snatched the No. 1 overall seed and were given a first-round bye in the tournament. The Griz will face the No. 4 Eastern Washington Cou-

gars in the semifinals tonight at 8 p.m. The Cougars scraped by No. 5 Idaho State in the quarterfinals in Cheney, Wash., on Saturday with an 81-75 win.

Leading EWU in the tournament is senior guard Cliff Colimon, a 6-foot guard from Brooklyn, N.Y. He scored 22 points in the victory over ISU. Last week coaches within the Big Sky

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CAMPUS

Regents approve student-athlete academic center

Amy Sisk

Montana Kaimin

Athletes will soon get to study in a new 6,600-square-foot facility, but the Student Athlete Academic Center's approval didn't pass without a dose of criticism.

The Board of Regents, which governs all public institutions of higher education in Montana, unanimously approved the \$2.5 million project to replace the athlete academic center at Thursday's meeting in Dillon.

Private donations will fund construction of the new facility, which will be located on the west side of the Adams Center south of the Student Recreation Center. The facility — which will consist of 30 offices, classrooms, conference rooms and study areas — can accommodate over 300 student-athletes.

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CAMPUS

Engstrom to serve on Homeland Security Advisory Council

Spencer Veysey

Montana Kaimin

Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano appointed University of Montana President Royce Engstrom to a newly formed council on Thursday.

The Homeland Security Advisory Council is made up of 19 university and college heads from around the country. The council will advise the department on a wide range of issues from how the DHS can better recruit from campuses to emergency preparedness.

"It is an opportunity to have a conversation about how education can be involved in national security," UM Vice President Jim Foley said.

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TECH COLUMN

ZEROS AND ONES

Santorum & Streisand

By Brady W. Moore

Google "Santorum." I dare you. It's no secret the former senator and current candidate for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination has a bit of what he calls a "Google problem."

Nearly a decade ago, sex columnist and gay rights activist Dan Savage held a contest to redefine the senator's last name. The winning entry was posted on www.spreadingsantorum.com, a site with nothing more than a white background, a brown splotch and a definition — an explicit definition I'm unable to publish, but a definition with over 85,000 Facebook "likes."

Savage's prank has remained on Google's first page of search results for the candidate since 2003. This has occurred despite several attempts by Santorum to make it disappear. How does something like this happen? It's kind of complicated, but I'll break it down.

Google's search results are a result of several algorithms that "learn" what people want when they search for specific things. In Santorum's case, Savage had millions of people clicking on and linking to www.spreadingsantorum.com every day. Each click and link essentially pushed that website higher and higher in Google's results.

Santorum has asked the search giant to take that result out, but a Google spokesperson responded by saying the company will not "remove content from our search results, except in very limited cases such as illegal content and violations of our webmaster guidelines."

Similarly, in 2003, Barbara Streisand filed a \$50 million lawsuit against photographer Kenneth Adelman for posting a photo of her California home on his website. Adelman wasn't working for TMZ; he wasn't paparazzi; in fact, his website contained photos documenting coastal erosion. Adelman's website was merely a grain of sand in Google's beach of search results, until Streisand filed her suit. Once news of the lawsuit broke, millions searched for the photo, effectively shoving Adelman's website to Google's holy grail of search results: page one.

This phenomenon is now known as "the Streisand effect." Celebrities and politicians all have something to hide, but when they take action to hide their dirty little secret, it becomes public. If the Santorums and Streisands of the world truly want to hide something, they should be burying it with new clickable, favorable content.

Google's search results are heavily weighted in favor of video and social networking results, so Santorum should be posting to YouTube and Facebook every chance he gets. His campaign crew should be "liking" and "+1-ing" every favorable article available.

Most recently the "Google problems" have spread to presidential candidate Mitt Romney. His definition, while not nearly as vulgar as Santorum's, relates to an incident in 1983 when Romney's dog released its bowels all over his car.

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U SAY IN THE UC

What do you think of the plan to build the Gilkey Center in the space behind the Gallagher Buisness Building?



Alex Rich

Junior, Environmental Studies

"If it's being done in a sustainable way and is going to benefit the student body, then I support it."



Thomas St. John

Junior, Pre-med/English

"I see it as unnecessary. It would actually be better served as a parking lot, because parking is a horrible issue here, and there's really no good solution for it."



Haleigh Solheim

Freshman, Psychology

"I think that it would be good, but I like how open this campus is, like all the grassy areas and stuff. But if they need more space, then it's going to be good."

This weekend, another life was lost to drinking and driving in Missoula.

Early Sunday, around 3:10 a.m., there was a car crash on Hillview Way in the South Hills area of Missoula. Police said the vehicle slid off the road traveling at least 80 mph, struck a traffic sign, and rolled. The four occupants of the car, all aged 18-21, were thrown from the vehicle. One was killed. One had to be flown to Seattle. The other two were taken to local hospitals in critical condition. Police said alcohol was a factor in the crash.

The week before, University of Montana student-athlete Brian Maus rolled his vehicle and almost struck a house on the same street. Maus was charged with driving under the influence.

The man who was killed at the scene Sunday, 20-year-old Jason McDonald, was a passen-

ger in another alcohol-related crash just over a year ago.

The driver of the car, Joshua Thielbar, later admitted to being drunk when he hit another car at 80 mph on Brooks Street. McDonald was flown to Seattle for his serious injuries. The driver of the other car, 22-year-old Rachel Millhouse, was killed.

A county sheriff detective told the Missoulian that since Jan. 1 law enforcement have arrested 193 people for DUIs in the county, and six people have been killed in alcohol-related crashes.

It's still early March.

Maybe it's insensitive to talk about this now. At the same time, now is when it needs to

be talked about. With Sunday's crash still fresh in the mind, we all need to think about the choices we make. It is time to say that we have had enough of our friends and our peers choosing to drink and drive. We have lost too many already.

It doesn't just happen to other people. It happens to our friends. It could even be us. Want to go out and have fun with your friends on the weekend? So do we. Don't make reckless decisions. Don't get behind the wheel intoxicated, and don't let anyone else do it either.

Take the UDASH, find a designated driver, or call a cab. The price is worth it. The cost of driving drunk isn't.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

EDITORIAL

We've lost too many

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MONTANA

Suspects request new judge in Sidney missing teacher case

Associated Press

HELENA — Two men suspected of kidnapping a Sidney school teacher and burying her body in a shallow grave in North Dakota have asked that a new judge be assigned to their case.

Attorneys for Lester Waters and Michael Spell filed documents on Feb. 28 and Feb. 29 requesting a substitute for District Judge Katherine Irigoien. The documents did not give a reason for the request,

but simply cited the Montana law that allows them to make the request within 10 days of a judge taking a case.

Public defenders Cynthia Thornton and Randi Hood, the representatives of Waters and Spell, did not return calls Monday.

Richland County attorney Mike Weber said that regardless of whether the request is granted, the assignment of a new judge from outside of Sidney would not amount to a change of venue.

"Venue is still Richland County," Weber said.

A separate request must be made to move the trial, and neither Waters nor Spell has done so yet.

State law says that when a district judge is substituted or disqualified from a case, other judges from the same district must be called in to preside before a judge from a different district can be considered.

Richard Simonton of Glendive is the other judge in Montana's

7th Judicial District, which covers Dawson, McCone, Prairie, Richland and Wibaux Counties. Simonton, 67, has held that position since 1998.

Irigoien, 51, was elected to the bench in 2002 after working for 18 years as an attorney from Lambert.

Spell and Waters have pleaded not guilty to aggravated kidnapping in the disappearance of 43-year-old Sherry Arnold, who was abducted near her home while she was jogging on Jan. 7.

She is presumed dead, but her body has not been found. Prosecutors have said that Spell told investigators that he pulled Arnold into a car, and Waters choked her to death before they buried her on a farmstead near Williston, N.D.

Both men pleaded not guilty to the aggravated kidnapping charge in their arraignment before Irigoien last Tuesday. If convicted, the men could face the death penalty.

Irigoien set separate trial dates for the two men beginning in July.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Picket line crosser

5 Arrange, as a vacation

9 Washington neighbor

14 "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan

15 Gutter site

16 La Scala's city

17 Top banana

19 Mayan corn crop

20 Observation after too many wrong turns

21 "Dirty Harry" composer Schiffrin

23 "Don't ____ stranger"

24 Like a dog's hind leg

25 A low-flow showerhead will help lower it

27 Enzyme ending

29 Online auction site

30 50 cents, in slang

35 After "get," gain an advantage

39 Attending a Lakers game, say

40 Ski resort named for a tree

42 Longest river entirely in Switzerland

43 Inning half

45 Baker's container

47 Dedicated works

49 Taylor of fashion

50 Hit generating four 71-Across

54 Horizontal punctuator

58 Hold up, as a bank

59 Yogi, for one

60 Wheel cover

62 Hi hello

64 "The Iron Horse," baseball's all-time 50-Across recordholder

66 Jeopardy

67 Hops kiln

68 Took ____ loan

69 It has reservations

70 G.I. fare

71 One of them is hidden in 17-, 25-, 30- and 45-Across

DOWN

1 Event before finals

2 Ascend

3 Path between rows

4 Conductor's wand

5 Cheeky

6 Research site

7 St. Teresa's city

8 Cancel out

9 Wicked

10 Lunes o martes

11 Perp's story

12 Eye color

13 "Shaq Diesel" rapper

18 Founded: Abbr.

22 Beirut's country

25 Licks, as a stamp

26 One way to play

28 Cat breed

30 White lie

31 Dedicatee of Lennon's "Woman"

32 Final: Abbr.

33 Inform against

34 Sunblock letters

36 Gift of the garrulous?

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38 Pilot product

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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41 Jason with a record 63-yard field goal to his credit

44 Weirdo

46 Like inappropriate influence

48 Picabo Street race

50 It's plotted in math class

51 Loggers' game

52 Scrub the launch

53 Like a cheering crowd

55 Can't stand

56 Use elbow grease on

57 Part of Hispaniola

60 5'2", 6'3", etc.: Abbr.

61 Some major golf tournaments, informally

63 Move it

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Hikers climb the face of Mount Sentinel on Monday afternoon as temperatures reached into the 50s for the second consecutive day in Missoula.

**CRASH KILLS ONE,
INJURES THREE**

A car accident on Hillview Way in Missoula killed one

person and put three others in the hospital Sunday morning, the Missoulian reported. Just after 3 a.m., the car went off the

side of the road. The passengers ranged in age from 20 to 26, and police said all were Missoula area residents. One of the survivors was flown to Seattle, and the other two were taken to local hospitals. Accident investigators have not yet announced the cause of the crash, although police estimate the vehicle was traveling faster than 80 mph and that alcohol was a factor. The man who died at the scene of the crash has been identified as 20-year-old Jason McDonald of Frenchtown.

**JUDGE SENDS
ANTI-OBAMA EMAIL**

A Montana judge is under fire after a racist email was

discovered by the Great Falls Tribune. The newspaper published an email forwarded to friends by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Cebull last month. The email contains racist and vulgar comments about the mother of President Barack Obama. In an interview, Cebull said he forwarded the email not because he is a racist, but because he is "not a fan of our president." The judge has since sent an apology to Obama, but watchdog groups have called for Cebull to resign.

**17-HOUR POLICE
STANDOFF**

A Great Falls man was charged with three felonies after a 17-hour standoff with police Friday, reported the Great Falls Tribune. Michael Waycott, 64, allegedly opened fire on police from inside his house Friday evening. Police closed off the blocks surrounding his house. Saturday morning, Waycott finally came out of his house and surrendered to police. Officers had gone to the house after Waycott's daughter had called, saying her father was suicidal. No police officers were injured.

**BREWERY TO STOP
SERVING SOME CITIES**

Kettlehouse will stop selling its products in Helena, Kalispell and Great Falls to fulfill demand in Missoula and Bozeman, the Associated Press reported. The Missoula-based microbrewery must, by law, stay under 10,000 barrels each year. Demand for Cold Smoke Scotch Ale in particular has driven the company to stop selling in other cities in order to keep taprooms open.

**BY THE
NUMBERS****\$110 million**

The amount of money Glacier National Park brought into the local economy in 2010, according to a study by the National Park Service. The study said 2.2 million people visited the park that year, and the money they spent supported 1,695 jobs.

\$172,000

The value of platinum allegedly stolen by a Columbia Falls man. The suspect, John Bovee, pleaded not guilty to the felony theft charge.

2013

The year that a new Brazilian restaurant will open in the Missoula Mercantile building downtown. The building was previously home to Macy's.

15%

The percentage increase in the Montana wolf population during 2011. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks now says that there are at least 643 wolves in the state, despite efforts to control the population with a wolf hunting season.

79

The age of former University of Montana-Western basketball coach Casey Keltz, who died Sunday after a long battle with cancer. UM Western's basketball arena is named after Keltz.

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Megan Jae Riggs/ Montana Kaimin

Nathan Toning barbecues outside the Social Sciences building Thursday, March 1 to promote the MFA exhibition in the Gallery of Visual Arts. Toning and his thesis partner William Hutchinson wanted to give back to the community by giving away free food and holding discussions inside a camping trailer parked next to the grill as part of their exhibit. The show runs until March 3. The trailer was vandalized over the weekend and Hutchinson says he's disappointed by the vandals actions. "We were trying to provide services for the community and now we don't know what to do," said Hutchinson, who had not yet reported the incident to Public Safety.

CAMPUS

ASUM pushes back city council liaison plan

Jake McHugh
Montana Kaimin

A resolution to strengthen ties between the student government of the University of Montana and the Missoula City Council hasn't come to fruition as intended.

The Associated Students of the University of Montana passed a resolution in October 2011 that directed President Jen Gursky to work with City Council members to create an ASUM student observer internship. But because of other issues, such as the sexual assaults on campus, the student government hasn't had time to work on creating the position. ASUM senator Travis Suzuki said campus safety trumps creating a city council liaison.

"Students need to feel safe on campus before we move on to other measures. Because of the sexual assault issues, it was pushed back," Suzuki said.

The student intern would comment on city council issues on behalf of the student government and report back to ASUM on council meetings. Ginny Merriam, the City of Missoula Public Information and Communications Director, said the city council and the University already have a strong working relationship, but she would welcome extra student involvement.

"I put on a press conference last Wednesday morning about a new initiative that we're doing at the city in partnership with the University to do a public information campaign to get people to call 911 in case of a sexual assault. (ASUM President) Jen Gursky was one of the speakers at the press conference. So we have a good active partnership through Jen Gursky at ASUM, but we would welcome a student observer," Merriam said.

The ASUM senate hopes to have the position in place by

fall semester of 2012. ASUM Senator Neil Bennett said the Student Political Action Committee is drafting the details of what the City Council student observer will do.

"What we've been working on in terms of the internship is finding out what role the internship is going to be with City Council members — and putting together a job description for the intern," Bennett said.

Merriam said having a designated position for student involvement in City Council would be beneficial because it can be daunting for the average student to understand what is going on at the meetings.

"We love as much student involvement as possible. I would be very happy to work with that person. There's quite a learning curve in understanding what's going on at City Council and in preparing yourself," Merriam said.

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ENGSTROM

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“It is an opportunity to have a conversation about how education can be involved in national security.”

Jim Foley, UM Vice President

A DHS spokesperson said the council is not about monitor students and professors, but is about “making the academic community aware of their surroundings.”

The appointees come from a wide range of backgrounds and academic institutions with the view they can provide the varied expertise, a DHS spokesperson said. The superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the president of Texas A&M University and the president of LaGuardia Community College are some of the people appointed to the council.

“It is a well-balanced group of individuals,” a DHS spokesperson said.

UM officials said they would know more about what spe-

cific issues the council would deal with after its first meeting on March 20. Engstrom wrote in a press release that he “appreciate(s) the opportunity” and his experience on the council will benefit UM.

“It’s a great honor to be asked to serve on this national council,” Engstrom wrote. He was unavailable for additional comment Monday.

UM was first approached by DHS about the council a few weeks ago. The Federal Register states the council will meet quarterly, but it may meet more or less frequently depending on the need. The first appointees will serve for two, three or four years, but after that council members will serve for three years.

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GRIZ[recap]



FROM LEFT, Jordan Sullivan (31), Katie Baker (22), Kenzie De Boer (10) celebrate during the Lady Griz game against the Cats two weeks ago. The Lady Griz will enter the Big Sky Conference quarterfinals seeded 5th.

Nick Gast/Montana Kaimin

Alexandria Valdez
Montana Kaimin

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After falling to Northern Arizona University, the Lady Griz basketball team will enter the Big Sky Conference championship quarterfinal round seeded at No. 5, the program's lowest regular season finish since the 1998-99 season. The team will travel to Pocatello, Idaho, to take on No. 4 Montana State at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

This season Montana has defeated Montana State twice, 61-54 in Bozeman and 77-59 in Missoula.

Against Northern Arizona on Feb. 3, Montana made one basket in the first 11 minutes and opened the game shooting 4.8 percent. Montana was plagued with a multitude of other problems, such as four of its starters shooting at 25.6 percent and Kenzie De Boer fouling out late in the game.

Katie Baker played another strong game, scoring 22 points for her fourth 20-point scoring game. Coming off the bench, Kellie Cole added nine points and four assists.

Their weekend road trip began Feb. 1 when they played the Portland State Vikings. The Lady Griz were able to keep their eighth straight opponent to 60 points or fewer as the Vikings won 60-52. Portland State lost Saturday night against Northern Colorado, missing the conference tournament for the first time since 2005.

Baker was unanimously named to the Big Sky All-Con-

ference team Monday and De Boer was an honorable mention.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

At the Boas Tennis Center in Boise, Idaho, over the weekend, the Grizzly women's tennis team lost to Boise State 6-1.

Montana was swept in doubles and received one singles point from freshman Precious Gbadamosi, who won both matches 6-0. Sophomore Maddy Murray was the only other Griz to win a set. The team will hit the road from March 10-12 to face Weber State, Utah State and Idaho State. Weber State will be the team's second conference matchup.

GOLF

After the UM golf team struggled the first two days of the Red Rocks Invitational in Sedona, Ariz., the Grizzlies came out with a 14th place finish.

In the first round Montana struggled, shooting a season high 338. The lowest score came from freshman Tara Green, shooting 10-over-par 82. Junior Olivia Weber withdrew from the first round due to illness but teed off in the second round. She shot the lowest round of the tournament for the Griz with a 75, but her score was not counted.

Montana will head over to California to play in the Fresno State Lexus Classic March 12-13.

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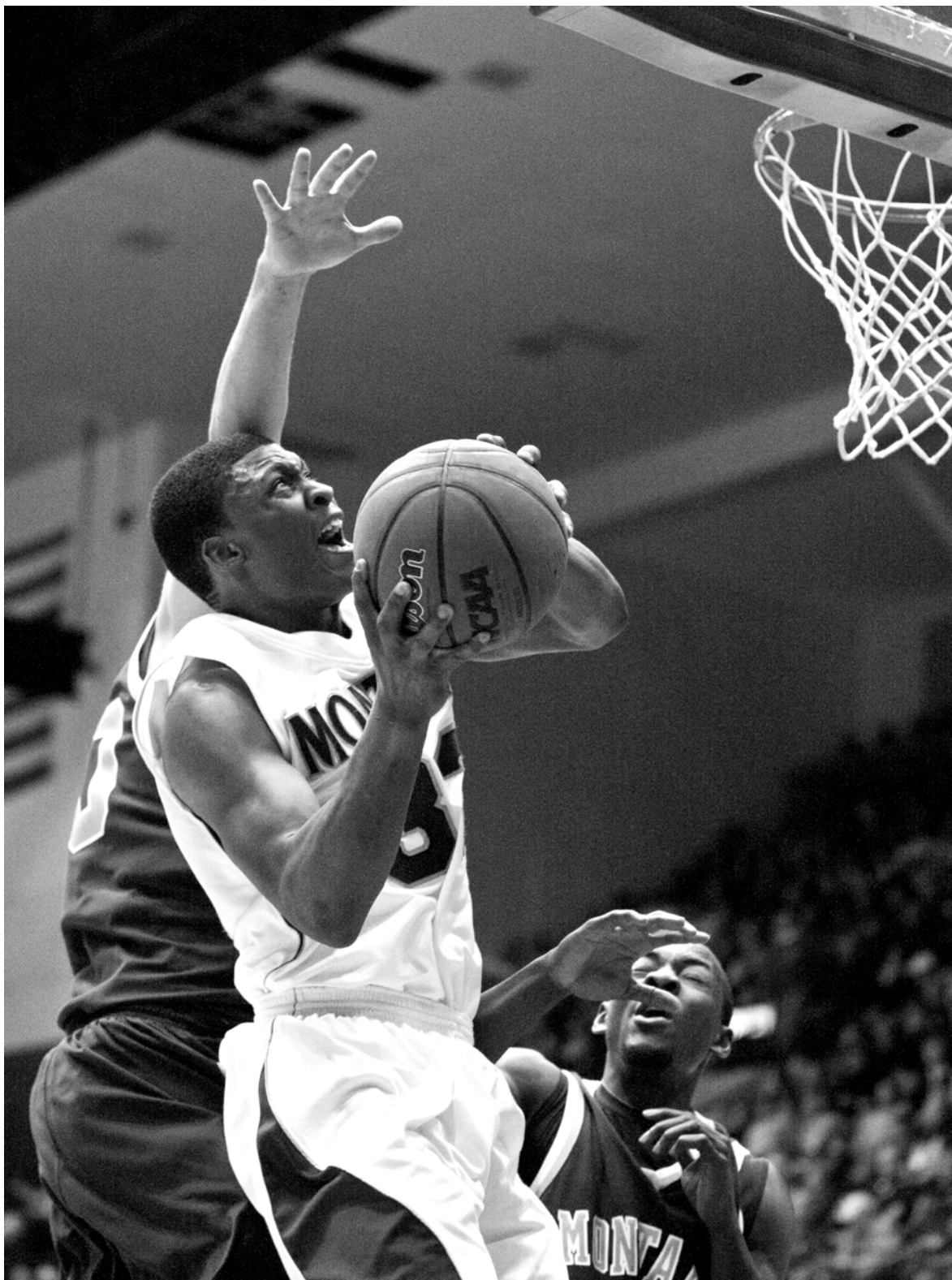
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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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Sophomore Kareem Jamar (32) is blocked by two Montana State players as he attempts to score a basket. The University of Montana Grizzlies will play Eastern Washington University in the Big Sky Conference Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Dahlberg Arena.

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Conference voted Colimon to first team All-Big Sky after he averaged 16.1 points per game during the regular season.

In the two matchups against Montana, Colimon scorched the Griz 26 points in a loss in Missoula, but only managed seven points on 2-12 shooting during the second loss in Cheney, Wash.

But the Cougar guard taking the court at 8 p.m. wasn't the only player to receive Big Sky recognition last week.

Griz guard Will Cherry was named the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year to go along with his unanimous All-Big Sky first team selection. Fellow starter forward Kareem Jamar was also selected to the first team, with senior forward/center Derek Selvig taking home second team honors.

In the tournament's matinee showing at 5 p.m., No. 2 seed Weber State will be pitted against the Portland State Vikings, who are fresh off a 75-53 quarterfinal win over No. 6 Montana State.

Weber State handled the Vikings in the regular season with wins on Jan. 7 in Portland, Ore. (88-81), and Feb. 2 (92-79) in Ogden, Utah.

Leading the way for the Wildcats in both games was Big Sky MVP Damian Lillard. In the first matchup Lillard dismantled PSU with 38 points, including a stellar

performance beyond the arc shooting 8-14 from the 3-point line. The second tilt against the Vikings yielded more of the same, with Lillard scoring 40 points on another remarkable shooting night (13-18 and 3-8 3-pointers).

On the other side, first team All-Big Sky guard Charles Odum leads Portland State. Odum is a 6-foot-3 senior who scored 19 points per game in the regular season. Odum scored 16 points and added seven rebounds over the weekend in PSU's quarterfinal win over MSU.

The first 1,000 students to arrive at the game will be admitted for free.

Otherwise, students can purchase tickets to the entire tournament at \$15 for general admission or buy reserved seating tickets for either \$24 or \$28 dollars.

Single session tickets for a day's worth of games can be purchased at \$10 for general admission or \$15 and \$20 for reserved seating.

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REGENTS

From page 1

Despite the center's approval, several regents voiced concern over its merit to non-athletes.

"Why the heck do student athletes need their own academic center?" asked Regent Paul Tuss.

UM President Royce Engstrom said the center would provide a place for athletes to work with teammates toward academic success after practice.

The center is part of a larger plan to improve facilities for all students, he said. This includes a revamp of the art annex and first floor of the Mansfield Library in addition to new stadium lights and a renovation of athletes' locker rooms and weight training facilities.

Engstrom added the athlete academic center will be a public facility.

"There's no reason why other students can't use this facility," he said.

But Regent Pat Williams worried the athlete academic center would further "balkanize" an already difficult situation.

"It seems to me there's a partitioning — maybe an unnecessary

partitioning — that benefits the athletes and doesn't benefit the other students," he said.

Sheila Stearns, the outgoing commissioner of higher education, compared the center to buildings such as the Davidson Honors College and Payne Family Native American Center, which serve specific students but are open to all.

Associated Students of the University of Montana President Jen Gursky added that many student-athletes put in 20 to 30 hours a week in the gym and remain in the academic complex until class begins. The center, she said, is a way to say "thank you for proudly wearing the University of Montana colors wherever you go."

Dave Beck, chair of UM's faculty senate, also gave his support. One of his students, who happened to be an athlete, recently invited him to the Adams Center, where he saw a glimpse of the current study area.

"I think the room that they showed us was about half of the size of the table you're sitting at," he said. "I was really appalled at the way we call our student-athletes 'student-athletes' and don't support them as students."

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BOARD OF REGENTS: SEXUAL ASSAULT

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AT THURSDAY'S Board of Regents meeting, members of the board and community members said the University of Montana has lost focus on sexual assault victims themselves in its investigation of recent sexual violence incidents.

UM President Royce Engstrom and Montana State University President Waded Cruzado each spoke about what their campuses are doing to combat sexual assault. Engstrom reiterated the University had a limited judicial reach in such cases, and all legal action "must be the choice of the student. We cannot do that on their behalf."

He said Dean of Students Charles Couture is currently

working to resolve the last case in the school's sex assault investigation, and he believes the investigation could be brought to a close "within a few weeks." He also restated the message from last week's press conference at the mayor's office for victims to have 911 be their first call.

Cruzado said that although MSU has not experienced the widely-publicized incidents UM has over the last few months, her campus is taking the issue very seriously. They have already begun an educational program, distributing postcards on their campus with information and contacts for victims.

Following the comments from the university heads, Regent Pat

Williams called on UM to have more focus on the victims of these crimes, instead of merely the institutional actions the campus is making. "The word not being used by administration is 'women,'" he said.

Kelsen Young, the Executive Director of the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence criticized the University for not bringing in state and local advocacy organizations such as hers.

"There are groups in this community that have been working on this problem for years," she said. She also said that she wants to see more investment in comprehensive service organizations on the campus.

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THE REGENTS ALSO APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- **Construction of the Gilkey Center for Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Executive Education** – The building — intended to offer programs for businesspeople, house the UM Foundation and provide a classroom for the Global Leadership Initiative — will cost a total of \$9.3 million. The University will use up to \$900,000 in student fees to pay for construction.
- **Labor agreement between the University Faculty Association and Montana University System** – UM faculty will receive a salary increase of 1 percent plus \$500 this year and 2 percent plus \$500 next year. Most faculty and staff unions at other Montana campuses approved similar contracts with the university system in September.
- **New minors** in Arabic studies, global public health and a program leading to a minor in wildland fire sciences and management were added.

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